

# Press Release



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## ***Lake Sakakawea State Park Boat Ramp to Open Memorial Day Weekend***

Work on the main boat ramp in the Lake Sakakawea State Park marina has been delayed, but is expected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend, according to Doug Prchal, director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Barring weather problems, concrete should be poured this week to extend the ramp from its existing bottom elevation of 1,810 feet msl down to 1,800 feet. In addition, nearly 17,000 cubic yards of silt have been removed from the marina floor.

Other high priority ramp work to be completed by Memorial Day weekend includes construction of a new low water ramp at Indian Hills State Recreation Area west of Garrison. The new ramp there will have a bottom elevation of 1,808 feet msl.

The low water ramp at Ft. Stevenson State Park, Garrison, is currently open.

Lewis and Clark State Park is not expected to have a useable boat ramp this summer. The State Parks Department took advantage of low lake levels last fall to bring in heavy equipment to remove siltation in the marina. Later this summer the department plans to extend the main ramp elevation from 1,825 to 1,823 feet, which is the bottom elevation of the channel leading out to the marina. This main ramp would be operational when the lake level reaches 1,825 feet. The park also has a second ramp, located at the south end of the park, which will be useable only if the lake elevation reaches 1,820 feet msl or higher.